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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Joint Petition of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Incorporated and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for the Reassignment of Territory in Dorchester County and Approval of an Agreement to Limit Corridor Rights  
**Docket No. 2017-310-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and has no objection to the filing submitted by Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Incorporated ("Berkeley") and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") (collectively "Parties") for the Reassignment of Territory in Dorchester County and Approval of an Agreement to Limit Corridor Rights ("Joint Petition").

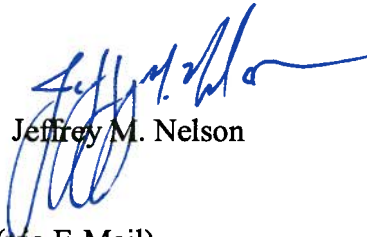
Under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-610(1) (2015), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") may reassign a portion of previously assigned service areas upon agreement of the affected electric suppliers. The Joint Petition includes the request to (A) reassign certain territory in Dorchester County from Berkeley to SCE&G, and (B) eliminate Berkeley's "corridor rights" in the specified area.

Under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-620(8) (2015), the Commission may approve agreements between electric supplies concerning corridor rights. The Parties request approval of their agreement to abandon certain corridor rights as delineated in the filing.

The Parties indicate their agreement resulted from lengthy and good faith negotiations and the desire to avoid wasteful duplication of electric distribution lines and to operate those systems safely. In addition the Parties have given careful consideration to system economy, service reliability and good utility practice, efficiency and safety. If approved, ORS recommends requiring the Parties to file amended territorial assignment maps for Dorchester County to reflect the modifications requested in the Joint Petition.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,



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